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Madrid, August 10.

ON the 27th past, *Don Lucas Giuno de Sorgo* Envoy Extraordinary from the Republick of *Raguſa*, had his first Audience of this King, the first Minister that hath come hither from that State this many years. On the 30th the Duke of *Paſtrana* began his Journy hence for *Paris*, with the Character of Ambaſſador Extraordinary to the French King, and carried a Jewel of great value from his Catholick Majeſty to his new Queen. His Excellency took Horſe here at the Palace gate about ſix of the Clock in the evening, his company conſiſting of ſix Poſt-Boys clad in Liveries of green Velvet, every one with a ſilver Horn in his hand; theſe led the way, and after them rid twelve of his Majeſties Correos well mounted, then the Duke and his two Brothers, *Don Joſeph*, and *Don Gaſpar de Silua*, very richly clad after the French Faſhion, and about twelve of their principal Servants followed. In this manner they paſſed through ſome of the chief Streets of the Town, going out at the Gate of *Alcala*, a great concourſe of all ſorts of people waiting in the Streets and Balconies to ſee this Formality, which laſted only till they got out of the ſaid Gate, where they took Coaches, and other Horſes and Mules to proceed on their Journy. On the 2d inſtant an Extraordinary diſpatched by the Marquis of *Carpio*, Spaniſh Ambaſſador in *Rome*, brought advice of the Popes having given his Diſpenſation for the Marriage of this King with his Couſin the Princeſs *Maria Louiſa* of *Orleans*, of which Bull one Duplicate is ſent hither, and another to *Paris*. Yeſterday the Marquis *de Villars* Ambaſſador from his Moſt Chriſtian Majeſty, made his Entry here, and had the firſt publick Audience of this King; the hour appointed for the Ceremony was Eleven of the Clock in the morning; but ſeveral Diſputes ariſing about places in the Cavalcade, the Ambaſſador reached not the Palace till one of the Clock, by which time his Majeſty had Dined. The firſt diſpute was about Precedence of Coaches, the Nuntio's (through ignorance of ſome Servants) thruſting it ſelf immediately after the Kings, the place always allowed to the Ambaſſadors Coach that maketh the Entry, which could not be rectified until the Marquis himſelf came back to adjuſt the matter, convincing the Nuntio's Servants of their Error, and putting his own firſt Coach in that place which they pretended. The other was with the Kings Family, who, according to Cuſtom, rid immediately before the Ambaſſador as the moſt honourable place, which his Excellency would have had for his own Servants, but thoſe of his Majeſty not conſenting thereunto, the Ambaſſador was forced to yield. The Marquis *d'Aſſorgas* Mayordomo Mayor and the Dutcheſs of *Terranova Camarrera* Mayor to the new Queen, are preparing very ſplendid Equipages for their receiving and waiting on her Majeſty on the Frontiers. On the fourth inſtant Health was proclaimed at *Malaga*, the Plague Hoſpitals having been ſhut up above fifteen days, in which time it pleaſed God that no body died in the whole City of the Sickneſs; but it encreaſeth much at *Granada* and *Ronda*. From *Lisbon* of the firſt inſtant we have advice, that all things there relating to their own Domeſtique Affairs, were in a very peaceable condition, and likely to continue ſo, the Prince having brought the Chamber of that City to a ſubmiſſion, and the heats of the people to a better temper, inſomuch that it was not doubted but the Taxes which his Highneſs required would be quickly paid. From *Tangier* of the 16 paſt they write, that the Alcaide of *Alcaſar* was encamped with a conſiderable Body of Horſe and Foot, within a mile and half of that City, which kept the Gariſon upon hard Duty, though the Earl of *Inchiquien* His Majeſties Governor, had made a Truce with the ſaid Alcaide for ſixty days.

Copenhagen, Aug. 19. From *Norway* we have an account, that the Suedes having beſieged the Fort of *Oddewalt* with 7000 men, and been 14 days before it; the Sieur *Guldenlien*, had reliеved it, and obliged the Suedes to retire in great diſorder, with the loſs of 4 or 500 men. The Suedes Army continues before *Elſenburg*, the King, with all the General Officers, being there in perſon. The other day the Beſiegers made a general Aſſault upon the Caſtle, but were repulſed. The Beſieged are open toward the Sea, and receive conſtant Supplies from hence.

Hamburg, Aug. 22. The King of *Denmark*, after having ſpent ſeveral days to view this City on all ſides of it, and even on the ſide of the River, paſſing to that purpoſe to and fro in a ſmall Boat, accompanied by ſome of his General Officers, is gone for *Rensberg*, to give Audience to the Moſcovite Ambaſſador; after which ſome ſay he will go to *Copenhagen*, others, that he will return hither. From *Pomeren* our Letters give us an account, that the Elector of *Brandenburg* goes on with his Military preparations, but that his deſigns cannot be diſcovered.

Strasburg, Aug. 14. This day the Count *d'Arc* General of the Imperial Artillery, parted hence for *Philipsburg*, where the Imperial Troops are drawing together in order to their marching towards *Bohemia*. The French do now deſiſt from requiring any more Contributions in *Alſace*, and from treating the Subjects of this City as they uſed to do.

Bruſſels, Aug. 18. His Excellency is ſtill at *Luxemburg*, where he doubts not of ſetling things to his ſatisfaction, and hopes afterwards to do the like at

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